the product was advertised by the Company over T.V. and other media;

(b) how many scooters have been allotted to the applicants so far;

(c) whether as per the .advertisement of Mjs. Lohia Machines, Kanpur over I'.V. three hundred scooters arc being produced every day; if so, how many scooters ate being allotted to the applicants every day; and

(d) whether it is a fact that due *to* excessive advertisements given by the said company, the issue price of their scooter has increased copsidenibly; if so, how much money has been spent by the Company for advertisement through various media so far?

THE MINISTER Ob STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Out of about. 23 lakhs applicitions initially rgistered with the Company, over 44 thotisand scooters were delivered upto 30.11.1985.

(c) The Company has attained a pro duction level of about 300 scooters per working day. A minimum of 95 per cent of production is delivered to the waitlisted applicants leaving a maximum *of* 5 per cent *for* discretionary allotments by the company.

(d) No. Sir.

Production of... bathing soaps

2667. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Wil! the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) the total production of bathing soaps in the country during the last three years;

Cb) the corresponding prices of bathing soaps during the last three years; and

(c) whether there have been any rise in their prices during the same period if so, what steps Government have taken to "bring down their prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The total production of bathing soaps in the organised sector during the last 3 years is as follows:

Year	Production (in L kh Tonnes)
.....	1.85

(b) The average price index of bath ing soaps during the last 3 years is as follows;

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	230.3
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(c) The increase in th$_e$ prices of soaps is primarily due to incrw.se in the prices of soapery oils used for the manufacture of soaps. Government have authorised imports of Split Palm Stearine Fatty Acid and Palm Fatty Acid Distillate to increase the availability of soapery oils in Government have also taken steps to increase the production and availability of nonedible minor oils such as Rice Bran etc., to encourage maximum availability of indigency. stitute for imported soapery oil.

Excess billing and disconnection of telephones

2668. DR. MOHD. HASHIM' KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 888 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received against excess telephone bills during the last two year*;